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The Editor
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New York, New York

Dear Sir:

In reporting a recent speech by Rep. Beerman (Rep. of Neb.) you included highly defamatory statements about the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee which would be libelous if not made under the privilege extended to Congressmen.

The charges of the Un-American Activities Committee were made in 1959 after we called for the abolition of that Committee. They were made without hearings and are false. Their use to defame members of our National Council is a clear example of the need to abolish a committee which spends more money than nearly any other committee of the House and produces defamatory nonsense.

The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee defends the Constitutional rights of all Americans without regard to their political convictions. We hold that the freedom to think for one's self, and to act on one's beliefs, is the basis of American strength. It is precisely because of our uncompromising stand for the Bill of Rights that enemies of democracy attempt to smear us.

Yours sincerely,

Clark Foreman

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